

AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT

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To all Offerors/Bidders

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9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NO.

263-06-002

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9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11)
12-07-2005

10A. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT/ORDER NO.

10B. DATED (SEE ITEM 13)

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11. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS

☒ The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in Item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offers ☐ is extended, ☒ is not extended.

Offers must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation or as amended, by one of the following methods:

(a) By completing Items 8 and 15, and returning _____ copies of the amendment; (b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offer submitted; or (c) By separate letter or telegram which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment numbers. FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If by virtue of this amendment you desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by telegram or letter, provided each telegram or letter makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified.

12. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA (If required)

13. THIS ITEM APPLIES ONLY TO MODIFICATIONS OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS,
IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.

(X)

A. THIS CHANGE ORDER IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO: (Specify authority) THE CHANGES SET FORTH IN ITEM 14 ARE MADE IN THE CONTRACT ORDER NO. IN ITEM 10A.

B. THE ABOVE NUMBERED CONTRACT/ORDER IS MODIFIED TO REFLECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES (such as changes in paying office, appropriation date, etc.) SET FORTH IN ITEM 14, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF FAR 43.103(b).

C. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY OF:

D. OTHER (Specify type of modification and authority)

E. IMPORTANT: Contractor ☐ is not, ☐ is required to sign this document and return _____ copies to the issuing office.

14. DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION (Organized by UCF section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible.)

The purpose of this amendment no.3 is provide answers to questions as attached.

Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the document referenced in Item 9A or 10A, as heretofore changed, remains unchanged and in full force and effect.

15A. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (Type or print)

16A. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print)

Jayne Carbone
Contracting Officer

15B. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR

15C. DATE SIGNED

16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

16C. DATE SIGNED

(Signature of person authorized to sign)

BY

(Signature of Contracting Officer)

12-29-2005

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Amendment No. 03

RFP no. 263-06-002

Questions and Answers:

Question no. 1 Reference is made to RFP 263-06-002, Egypt Democracy and Governance Program IQC. Please advise if bidding for the above mentioned IQC requires any pre-qualification process (prior to submitting a proposal).

No it does not.

Question no. 2 Regarding the "Regional Democracy Initiative (REDI) IQC", Sol#: RFP26306002 requirement, is this a brand new requirement or is there an incumbent fulfilling the services? If there is an incumbent, can you provide the incumbent contractor name, contract number, total value including options, and the award date?

These are brand new requirements.

Question no. 3 Section A.14 of the subject contract reads "The authorized geographic code for procurement of goods and services under this order is 000." My understanding of this is that we can only purchase goods of US source and origin. Our other task orders have added "...and the 'name of country'..." or simply added "...and the cooperating country..." at the end of that sentence. I gather the idea is to make it plain that we may purchase U.S. origin goods in the cooperating country. Do you feel it might be necessary to do the same with this clause, so that it would read "The authorized geographic code for procurement of goods and services under this order is 000 and Egypt."?

No further clarification is needed. You may buy US goods in Egypt and meet the 000 source origin requirement.

Question no. 4 The Q&A states that the closing date has been extended, however the Amendment cover item 11 indicates that it has not been extended. Would you please confirm the extension?

The closing date has been extended to January 25, 2006 at 12:00 noon as stated in Q&A number 20 in amendment 2 to the RFP.

Question no. 5 Several answers in the Q&A, as well as multiple references in the RFP, indicate that the task orders will be issued simultaneously with IQCs. However, the answer to question 45 says: "No, we will award these [task orders] after the IQC has been awarded." Please confirm that the answer to this question can be disregarded.

They will be awarded simultaneously.

Question no. 6 In paragraph 12 of the Civil Society Task Order on page 111, it states that annual work plans are required for years 2 and 3. And, in paragraph 19 on page 112, it says "During the third year of the project, unless the program is extended..." Please confirm, however, that the duration of the Civil Society Task Order project is indeed five years (as cited in Section I on page 96, and in Section C on page 107) and that offerors should design their approach based on a five-year timeframe.

This is a five year Program. Offerors should design their approach on a five year timeframe. Please consider all plans /approach and designs based on a 5 year plan.

Question no. 7 “Under Section M.7, there is a requirement for those offerors that are not themselves a small business to provide subcontracting goal of 20% to be allocated to small businesses. Is the 20% requirement based on the overall value of the award or as a percentage of total subcontracting?”

The 20% requirement is based on the amount of each task order.

Question no. 8 Only 25 pages of the proposal will be read. We therefore assume that annexes will be included as part of the 25 pages because it has been noted that annexes in the technical proposal include the annex listing authors (per section L.9(e) of the RFP) and the annex for certificates & awards (per the answer to question 82). This is in direct contradiction to the answer for question 99. Please clarify.

The Technical Evaluation Committee will evaluate only the first 25 pages. Please condense all answers to be as concise as possible.

Question no. 9 The answer to question 115 implies that SF 294s are in the technical proposal. The answer to question 48 states that SF 294s are in the cost proposal. Please clarify.

Place SF294's in the cost proposal.

Question no. 10 Please confirm that the request in the RFP that offerors maximize their use of local firms as subcontractors does not violate or is otherwise restricted by the RFP's designation of 000 as the Geographic Code under this contract.

Maximizing use of Egyptian firms does not contradict the 000 source origin.

Question no. 11 Section C.3.g of the amended RFP states that “Grants may be made under any task order...no single grant shall exceed \$25,000, most will be under \$10,000. The REDI case study (EDI) notes under IV.E. (Small Grants) that “most of these grants would be approximately \$50,000 but select larger grants to Egyptian entities are also envisioned.” Please clarify whether:

- Grants are envisioned over \$25,000 in EDI and other task orders.

Yes, under EDI, grants over \$25,000 are envisioned but those exceed \$50,000 must receive an exception in writing by the contracting officer and further approved by the HCA.

- Whether it is only Egyptian entities that are eligible for large grants

No, both U.S. and Egyptian entities are eligible for large grants.